

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF APPLICATION OF UNITED	)	
STATES TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS,	)	CASE NO. 10396
INC. TO PROVIDE OPERATOR SERVICES	)	

O R D E R

On August 25, 1988, United States Transmission Systems, Inc. ("USTS") filed a proposed tariff revision with the Public Service Commission to provide operator services in Kentucky. The tariff was proposed to be effective October 1, 1988. By letter of September 16, 1988, the Commission requested certain clarifying information concerning the proposed operator services. USTS's response filed September 29, 1988, indicated that the proposed operator services would include third-party billing to telephone credit cards, including local exchange company ("LEC") issued calling cards, and to bank credit cards.

After reviewing the proposed tariff and USTS's September 29, 1988 response, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff on September 30, 1988. The Commission indicated its concern for proper validation of third-party billing to LEC issued calling cards and the need for protection from other types of fraudulent third-party billing. Intervention in this matter has been granted to AmeriCall Systems of Louisville and South Central Bell Telephone Company.

On January 1, 1989, USTS formally changed its name to ITT Communications, Inc. ("ITT"). The Commission was given notice of the change.

By further tariff revision filed on January 20, 1989, ITT has clarified its policy with respect to billing charges to calling cards and third numbers. Clarifying language has been added to proposed page 23.1 of ITT's PSC Tariff No. 1. The relevant clarifying language reads, "calls billed to a third party or a LEC calling card will only be accepted if the company can adequately identify the billing number as valid based on information supplied by the LEC."

Given the clarifying language to ITT's proposed tariff, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that original sheet 23.1, as filed on January 20, 1989, should be approved as an addition to ITT's tariff.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of February, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Executive Director